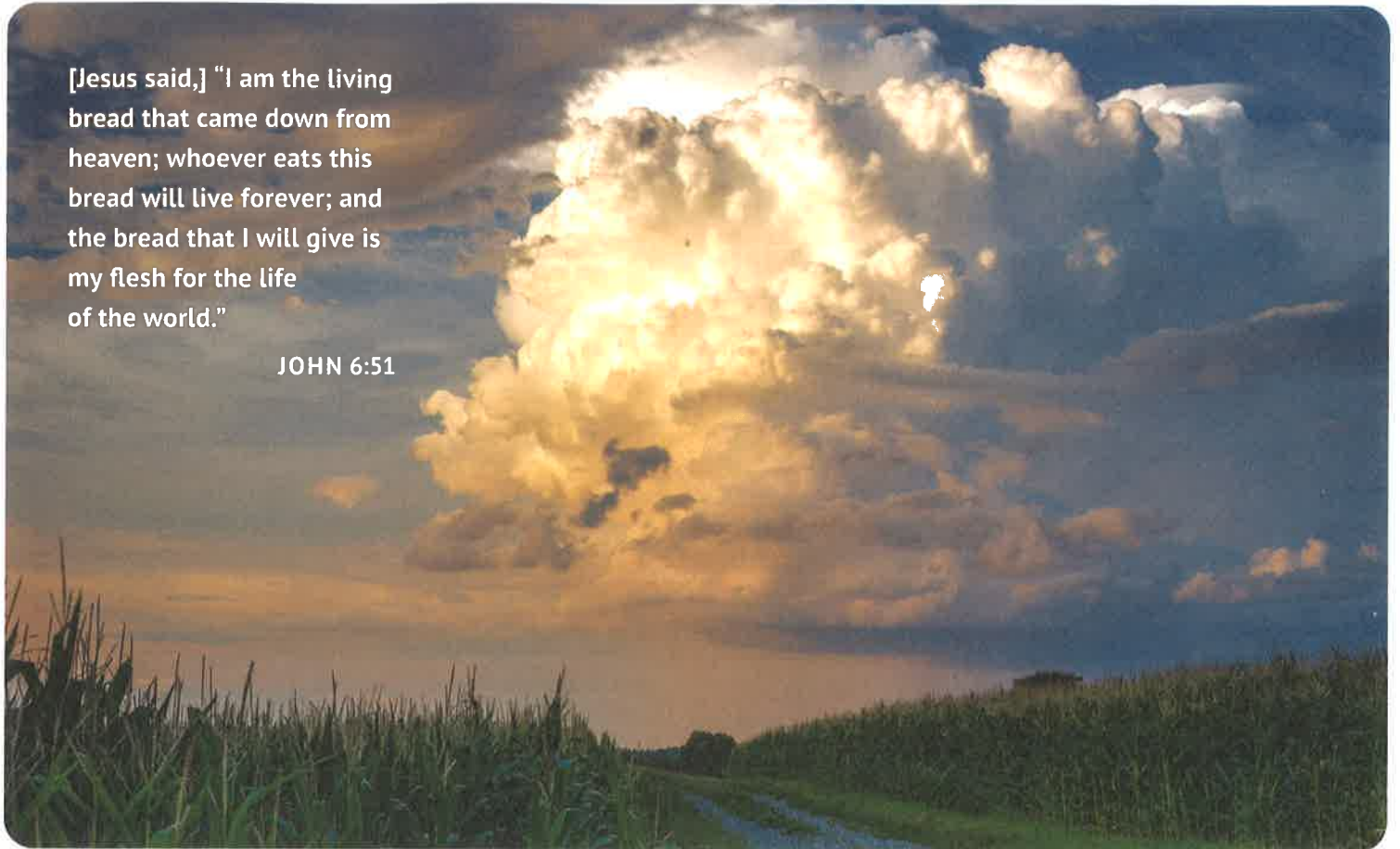




[Jesus said,] “I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.”

JOHN 6:51



## The Wisdom Journey

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**O**n the journey of life, how does one know when to keep struggling to make the dream come true, to continue pushing and refusing to surrender, or when to pull back, to recognize it was not meant to be and accept that? One thinks, perhaps one more effort will bring success. But our insistence may be our ego striving for something which, in the end, would be to our detriment. How does one know?

Though one can never be sure, there may be a moment when life calls us to surrender. When Elijah found himself rushing to escape the fearsome revenge of Queen Jezebel, whose 450 prophets of Baal he had bested and consigned to the netherworld, he fled into the desert, sat down beneath a broom tree, and prayed for death (1 Kings 18:22–19:4). Life as a

prophet of God had become too much to bear. He had surrendered, yet it was at this point that he was fed by God to continue the journey.

The Gospel’s message is that we shall all be taught by God. There comes a time to recognize that God’s wisdom is greater than our own and we must be open to a different path of life than what we had anticipated. It is one of God’s ways of teaching us, of feeding us with wisdom to seek another course. ●

### Reflect

***Do you find it difficult to change your mind, to accept that someone else may be correct, to believe and apply the challenging message of the Gospel?***

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## **NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – AUG. 11, 2024**

*The Sanctuary Lamp Burns in Memory of Andrew J. Lakatosh*

### ★★ **MASS INTENTIONS** ★★

**SAT** 5:15 PM *Stephanie Gazda*  
**SUN** 7:30 AM *Nicolina Kennedy*  
9:00 AM *Our Parishioners*  
11:00 AM *Patsy & Walt Kalil*  
**MON** 7:30 AM *Paul Swisher*  
**TUES** 7:00 PM *Susan Brooks*  
**WED** 7:30 AM *Andrew J. Lakatosh*  
7:00PM *Frank Winkel*

**THURS** 7:30AM *Our Parishioners*  
7:00PM *Linda Bardi*  
**FRI** 7:30AM *God's Blessings on Len Cline, III*  
**SAT** 5:15PM *Paul Kakalecek 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*  
**SUN** 7:30AM *Joseph L. Marks*  
9:00AM *Kim Twaddell 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*  
11:00AM *Deceased Members of the Volpiccini Family*

*The Second Collection Next Week is the Debt Reduction Collection*

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Remember in your prayers the sick of our parish: Madge Butto, Pat Fessler, Sunny Motta, Curt Miller, Loretta Hitchens, Dante Stetina, Barbara Ruby, Kara Morrison, Arlene Shirley, George Ruby, Harriet Yeager, Marjorie Hansen, Jason Lemman, Ann Washko, Anthony Scaglione, Maryanne Emery, Pam Amos, Marianne Sutton, John Mingione, Henry J. Wade, Lois Muldowney, Arlene Schaeffer, Shelly Weiler, Steven Blanyar, Jennifer Gruber, Adele Nieckoski, Shawn Kaeser, Catherine Mueller, Regina Marie Brown, Ralph Rapposelli, Joe Dantas, Debbie Simcock, Wanda Palmieri, Msgr. Nevin Klinger, Barbara Wright, Charlotte Glacken, Beppy McGee, David Mollura, Mary Louise Myers, Mary Ann Uivary, John Kuszniar, Joseph Ondo, Rose White, Karl Husbands, Magdalene Babiarez, Alex Lopacki, Angelina Swisher, Geraldine Christ, Rachel DiFrancesco, Millie Mattassa, Bill Pribanick, Rosemary Williamson, Tony Williams Phyllis Villano, Bob Warunek, Sharon Painter, Cletus McLaughlin, Edward Zawora, Linda Walleigh, Kelly Eichenberg, Rose Kubovcsak & Lyn Weidenhammer..

Please Congratulate the newly Baptized James Thomas Burns

Please pray for newly deceased JoAnne Kelly

**Our parish church is open each day of the week from 8am to 3pm for private prayer and visits to the Blessed Sacrament.**

**Each Sunday, the 11am Mass is live-streamed on our Facebook page for those who are sick and homebound. Access the live-streaming Mass from our parish website at**

[www.icbvm.org](http://www.icbvm.org)

+ OUR PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, 11AM-3PM. IF YOU CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AND NO ONE IS AVAILABLE TO ANSWER YOUR CALL, PLEASE LEAVE A DETAILED MESSAGE AND YOUR CALL WILL BE RETURNED IN A TIMELY FASHION. 610-582-2411

*The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven, holy day of obligation, is Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. The Vigil Mass for the Holy Day will be offered on Wednesday evening, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. & On Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered at 7:30AM & 7:00PM.*

Come and be Spiritually Refreshed! Our parish OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) Program for 2024-25 will begin in early October. This year's theme is "Come to the Living Water" from Isaiah 55:1 and John 4:14. The program is open to Catholics and non-Catholics who want to learn more about the Catholic Faith. Visit the parish website (select Religious Education, then OCIA) for program and registration information or contact the parish office.

**2024 Fall Sports Registration is now open.**  
Visit [ICCYOBERKS.ORG](http://ICCYOBERKS.ORG)

**Blessing of Backpacks**  
Will occur on Sunday, August 25, 2024 at the 9:00Mass

Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass  
Married couples from across the Diocese are invited to renew their vows and thank God for the gift of the Sacrament of Marriage during the Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass. The Mass, celebrated by Bishop Alfred Schlert, will take place in the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena on Sunday, September 22, 2024. Doors open at 2 p.m. Please visit the following link to register and for more info:

<https://www.allentowndiocese.org/anniversarymass>  
Contact Rhady Tulloch, Director of Marriage and Family Life, [rtulloch@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:rtulloch@allentowndiocese.org).

**SAVE THE DATE:** Parish AYCE Beef 'N Beer Event on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 - 6:00 PM. Tickets will go on sale in August and are \$35 (Beef & Beer) or \$25 (Food & Soft Drinks). Visit our Narthex display or the Parish website ([www.icbvm.org](http://www.icbvm.org)) for more information. Sponsored by the Women's Society and Mary Queen of Peace Council #17145. Thanks for your support!

## Parish Giving

### SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING

Through Parish Giving, you are able to make your Sunday Offering, along with special diocesan and other contributions online!

*Thank you for your commitment to our parish family and its Mission to proclaim the good news of the Gospel!*

Won't you join us? It's easy, safe and secure. And YOU have control over your online account. How?

- + You determine a monthly or weekly withdrawal
  - + Use your Credit/Debit card or your checking account
  - + See your year-to-date contributions at any time
  - + Best of all, you don't have to worry about missing a Sunday Collection even if you are away for any reason!
- Go to [www.icbvm.org](http://www.icbvm.org) and click the Parish Giving link on the lower left-hand side of the home page.

*Your generosity to Immaculate Conception is greatly appreciated!*

Keystone Villa is sponsoring a program for  **Downsizing for Small Places**  on Wednesday, August 14, 2024. If interested RSVP by calling 310-385--5000

My Heart – A Pilgrimage to the Heart of Jesus, the 1<sup>st</sup> Local Diocesan Pilgrimage, will be Friday, September 20, 2024, at The National Centre for Padre Pio in nearby Barto, PA. All the faithful in the Diocese of Allentown are invited!

Arrival & Welcome: 8:15 am – 9:00 am

Pilgrimage Events: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Free Time at the Centre: 2:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Mass with Bishop Schlert, Confession, Adoration,

Keynote Address by Megan Murphy, Time for

Personal Prayer & to explore the Centre,

Interactive Activities, Eucharistic Procession.

If you have questions about the Pilgrimage,

please email [pilgrimage@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:pilgrimage@allentowndiocese.org)

Rosary Prayer Group – Tuesdays, 6:30pm -

Please join us in praying for our church's prayer intentions. If you have an intention you would like the group to remember, place your intentions in the box in the narthex.

**Church Reminders:** SCRIP is available for Redners, Boscovs, Giant, Kohls, Boyers & Weis.

SCRIP can be purchased in the church office, Wed. to Fri. & after the Sat. 5:15 pm & Sun.

7:30am Masses. Remember to save your Redner's tapes and place in the box in the Narthex or drop off at the church office.

# Dear Padre,

## *I miss the use of incense. Is it forbidden or out of style?*

Incense is not out of style, nor is it forbidden. It is still burned to signify that Christ's sacrifice ascends to God as an odor of sweetness and as a sign of people's prayers rising to the throne of God. In the Book of Revelation, we read: "Another angel came and stood at the altar, holding a gold censer. He was given a great quantity of incense to offer, along with the prayers of all the holy ones, on the gold altar that was before the throne. The smoke of the incense along with the prayers of the holy ones went up before God from the hand of the angel" (Revelation 8:3-4).

Incense is a resinous substance obtained by cutting into the bark of a fir or pine tree. The original meaning of the Hebrew word for incense was "fragrant smoke." Ancient Jews burned incense as an act of worship in the tabernacle and temple. Scripture mentions incense often (Ephesians 5:2 and Philippians 4:18, for instance).

Today, incense is often used at the benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, at funerals, and during other special liturgical celebrations to highlight the festivity of a particular occasion. Celebrants may also use incense in any liturgy to bless the congregation, the altar, the book of the Gospels, and the gifts of bread and wine. ●

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## **Do you have a question for the Padre?**

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
August 12	August 13	August 14	August 15	August 16	August 17	August 18
Weekday	Weekday	St. Maximilian	Assumption of	Weekday	Weekday	Twentieth Sunday
Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c	Ez 2:8-3:4	Kolbe, Priest	the Blessed	Ez 16:1-15, 60,	Ez 18:1-10, 13b,	in Ordinary Time
Mt 17:22-27	Mt 18:1-5, 10,	and Martyr	Virgin Mary	63 or 16:59-63	30-32	Prv 9:1-6
	12-14	Ez 9:1-7;	Rv 11:19a; 12:1-	Mt 19:3-12	Mt 19:13-15	Eph 5:15-20
		10:18-22	6a, 10ab			Jn 6:51-58
		Mt 18:15-20	1 Cor 15:20-27			
			Lk 1:39-56			



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## **A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS**

*Without [Jesus], rather than living, we get by: because he alone nourishes the soul; he alone forgives us from that evil that we cannot overcome on our own; he alone makes us feel loved even if everyone else disappoints us; he alone gives us the strength to love and, he alone gives us the strength to forgive.*

ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 8, 2021